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A DECLARATION OF THE MOST CHRISTIAN KING, *LOVIS* THE XIIIth. *King of* FRANCE *and* NAVARRE.

DECLARING

The Reasons wherefore His MAJESTY hath prohibited all Trade with *ENGLAND.*

ALSO

That He hath given Commission to raise an Army for the Assistance of the *KING* of *ENGLAND.*

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Ludovicus Rex.

WHereas about eight yeares since, a party of tumultuous and discontented persons, abusing the name and priviledge of Parliament, by fair and specious pretences, and the assistance of the riotous City of *London*, drew the Subjects of *England* into a most violent and bloody Rebellion against their naturall Leige Lord, our deare and Royall Uncle, *Charles* the First, King of Great *Britaine* and *Ireland*, of most blessed and pious memory, which they carryed on with implacable hatred, and indefatigable deviliſh policies, pursuing all that did oppose them with blood and rapine, and wading up to the ankles and neck, through a whole red Sea of humane and Country bloud, to the accomplishment of their execrable and prodigious designes: Which having fully compassed, by getting His Majesties Sacred Person into their power; after a most inhumane manner they hurry him from one Prison to another, continually perplexing him with amphibolous Propositions, such as neither in conscience became a Christian, nor in honour a King to grant. At length with Kisses and All-hailes in the fore-front of their Treason, they invite His Majesty to a Personall Treaty; who to manifest his passionate desire to peace, spread His Royall Selfe into acts of Grace and Favour; going beyond all His Predecessors in munificent Concessions: Yet even when he had yeelded beyond their hope and expectation, and surrendred His most indispurable Rights and Prerogatives into their hands: with malice as inexorable as the grave, deep and bottomlesse as hell, they abruptly break off, and by force of Armes drag him to the Bar; where Vassals took upon them to judge

their Soveraigne, and call him to an accompt, who owed an accompt to none but God alone, and having Blaſphemouſly upbrayded him with the unjuſt infamies of Tyrant, Traytour, and Murderer; and ſufficiently ſported themſelves with ſcorne and contempt, after a ſmall intervall of time, in Triumph they convey him to the Scaffold, which in aggravation of his ſorrow, they had prepared at the entrance into his Royall Pallace, where in the ſight of his Subjects they committed a moſt Barbarous Aſſaſſination upon his Sacred Perſon, by ſevering his Royall Head from his Body, by the hands of the Common Hang-man; a proditiom without a match, and ſuch as hath filled even the very Souls of Heathens with horrour and amazement: For it was the moſt nefarious, facinorous, flagitious and incogitable act of Perſons neither generous, for there was no drop of ingenious bloud in them; Nor men, for they were forſaken of humanity, and had loſt the Bowels of manly compaſſion; Nor doggs, unleſſe of the Brood of *Cerberus*; nor Tygers, nor Panthers, nor ravening Woolves, nor Sheebeares, nor any thing but the moſt unnaturall, ſtrange, very incarnated and tranſanimated Devils, that ever uſurpt humane ſhape, to the vexatious torment and deſtruction of mankind: Nor have theſe ſponges of bloud yet ſuckt their fill, but with implacable Malice they yet purſue his Royall Iſſue, and by force of Armes withhold from them their Indubitate and ſucceſſive Right, and have ſolemnly Proclaimed them Traytours in the chiefe ſtreets of that Kingdomes Metropolis, and all other Cities and Corporations, and that it ſhall be lawfull for any man to kill them, wherever they ſhall meet them within the limits of thoſe Territories as Spies and Enemies to the Common-wealth. And they have further declared and Proclaimed, That they will for ever aboliſh all Kingly-government, in *England* and *Ireland*, as chargable, unneceſſary and Tyrannicall, and in ſtead thereof will eſtabliſh an eternall Anarchy, (which they call

a Common-wealth) perpetually enſlaving the miſerable people of thoſe Kingdomes, to the Tyrannicall wills of them and their Poſterity; and having broken the Diadems of State, and poſſeſſed themſelves of the *Regalia*, are now by way of ſale, ſharing all the Lands and Revenues of the Crowne, with the appurtenances among themſelves and their Favourits; Thus are they mounted to tranſcendents, not to be placed in the claſſes or Rankes of hitherto experienced or practiſed wickedneſſe; So that if all the Records and Chronicles ancient and Moderne, Divine & prophane, were throughly ſearcht by the moſt ſcrutinous eye, and all black and dire machinations, plots and conſpiracies, either contrived or acted by Rebells and Traytours, againſt their Princes, were arithmatically caſt up, here would be found the *ſumma Totalis*, Rebellion and Treaſon, being now brought to the fulneſſe of perfection:

Nor are theſe Fedifragones, miſcreants contented to imbrue, and bathe their hands in the Kings bloud, but they perſecute all his relations; inriching themſelves in the ruine of his illuſtrious Queen: inforcibly withholding from her that Dowry which the King and his Councell, in conſideration of a large and vaſt Summe of Money, alloted for her maintenance: Whereby they have broak the ancient league between the Kingdomes, and given us faire occaſion in hoſtile manner, with our Armies of Horſe, and Foot, to invade that Kingdome; Nor can we conceal our deepe ſence and juſt indignation, at thoſe groſſe and ſcandalous obloquies, which they daily caſt upon the perſon and reputation of our deare Aunt, the Queen Dowager, by their libellous Pamphlets, thoſe Meſſengers of their Malice, which like the plagues of *Ægypt* reduplicated and multiplied, they daily ſend forth, by which Ægypticall flyes, they endeavour, what in them lyeth, to cauſe the ſweet oyntment of her pretious name to ſtinke upon the face of the Earth; although her unparralelled vertues are ſo candid

and general, that she may without flattery be stiled, The *Paragon* of Queens, the Glory and miracle of her Sex, whose Honour and injuries, we are bound by the bonds of nature, and affinity, to vindicate and revenge.

And that they might macerate the whole world in bloud, and set all Christian Kingdomes into flames and combustion, they have dispacht their Incendiaries, like Locusts into all parts of Christendome, who by subdolous and slie insinuations and pretences of popular Liberty, and freedom from Monarchicall Tyranny, endeavour to carck the bonds of protection and fealty betweene Kings and their Subjects, as they have lately done in this our Kingdome, whereby Trumpeting sedition & Rebellion in the ears of our people, they lately stirred them up to mutinies and insurrections to the apparent hazard of our Royall person, Crowne and Dignities, which are now by Gods goodnesse appeased and allayed; by which policy of dividing Kings and their Subjects throughout Christendome, they hope to immerge all possibility of our ayde and assistance in restoring their present Soveraigne, and establish their hermaphroditicall Government with greater Security.

Having therefore upon very just grounds both of Conscience and reason, taken these premises into our Princely consideration, we have thought good, by the Nature and deliberate advice and consent of the most illustrious Lady the Queen Regent our Royall Mother, and of the Princes, Prelats and Parliaments of our Kingdome, to stop and forbid all trade and commerce between the Subjects of our Kingdom and that Rebellious Nation; till they shall return to their due obedience to their Soveraigne; and by our Royall Proclamation which we have caused to be published in all our Cities and Towns Corporate, within this our Kingdome of *France*, &c. We have strictly prohibited all *English* Wool and woollen Cloth, or any other commodities to be brought into this Kingdome, and we have there-

thereby Commanded all Sheriffs and Mayors, Balliffs and ſubordinate Officers to make diligent ſearch in all Cities, Towns, and Ports within their ſeverall Juriſdictions, and to ſeize upon and confiſcate to our uſe, all ſuch prohibited goods as they ſhall at any time hereafter finde in any part of our Dominions, and whoſoever ſhall conceale any ſuch prohibited goods ſo in their cuſtody, and not diſcover them to the chief Magiſtrate, or ſome other ſubordinate Officer in the City, Towne or Port, where they dwell within the compaſſe of four and twenty hours, ſhall forfeit their Eſtates, and for the firſt fault, ſuffer one Years Impriſonment; for the ſecond, five Years; and for the Third, perpetuall Impriſonment without bayle or mainprize. And we have further by our ſaid Proclamation commanded, that no Merchant or other Subject of our Kingdome, doe export or ſuffer to be exported by any Engliſh Merchant or others, any Corn, Wine, Oyle, Skins, Nuts, Cheſnuts, Beef, Pork, or any other Merchandiſes into that Kingdome of *England*: and whoſoever ſhall be found offending herein, ſhall incur the penalty of High Treaſon. And we have further commanded all Engliſhmen, of what degree or quality ſoever, not warranted and protected by the King of *England*, or not naturalized Denizons of this Kingdom, to depart this Kingdome by the 18 of *October*, next enſuing the Date of that our ſaid Proclamation; and that no Engliſhman whatſoever not protected or naturalized as aforeſaid doe preſume to remaine in any part of our Dominions, upon paine of being executed, as Spies, Enemies and Traytours, to this our Kingdome: And it ſhall be High Treaſon for any Subject of this our Kingdome, to conceal or harbour within their Houſes any Engliſhman, not protected and naturalized as aforeſaid, and not diſcover the ſaid perſon to ſome Magiſtrate or Juſtice of Peace within four and twenty Houres.

And conceiving our ſelves bound both as a Chriſtian and a King, by the bonds of Religion and Nature, and the

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long continued League between the Kingdomes, to revenge the barbarous murder of the late King of *England*, of glorious memory, to repaire the injuries of our Royall Aunt, his Queen Dowager, and to restore King *Charls* the Second our Cosin, to the Thrones of his Kingdomes, and subdue his People to his obedience, we have Issued forth our Royall Commission under the greate Seale of our Kingdome, whereby we have authorized our Right trusty and welbeloved Cosin the Count of Saint *Paul*, to raise eight Regiments of Horse, and twelve of Foot, each horse Regiment to consist of eight hundred, and the Foot of a thousand; and of our owne Free will and princely grace, we are pleased to advance two yeares pay out of our Royall treasury: and to furnish the said Count of Saint *Paul*, with a traine of Artillery, and all other necessaries for martiall imployment; and have streightly commanded the said Count and all other Officers, and Souldiers of that Army, faithfully and obediently to observe all such commands, as they shall from time to time receive from our most intirely beloved Cosin the King of *England*: and that they be ready to enter any part his Majesties Dominions, as shall be thought most necessary by the said King and his Councell, and there to joyne with any of his Majesties Armies, and to fight with, kill and slay all that they shall finde in Rebellion against his said Majesty: And forasmuch as all Christian Kings are concerned herein, we have thought good to publish this our Declaration, which we have caused to be translated into all Languages, that all the Kings and Princes of Christendome may take notice of our proceedings, and after our example, may contribute their utmost power and assistance for the restoring that injured King to his Dominions, and reducing his Subjects to his obedience.

Given at our Court at *Paris*,
September 2d. 1649.

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